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SUBJECT: PAPAJOV DELEGATION'S FEBRUARY 10 MEETINGS

1. PAPAJOV DELEGATION'S FEBRUARY 10 PROGRAM BEGAN WITH A MEETING WITH DR. RALPH J. MCCRACKEN, ACTING ASSOCIATE DEPUTY DIRECTOR, SCIENCE AND EDUCATION ADMINISTRATION, USDA. MCCRACKEN DISCUSSED HOW USDA SETS RESEARCH GOALS AND PRIORITIES, PLANS RESEARCH WITH THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS, USES RESEARCH RESULTS, AND SELECTS AND PROMOTES ITS SCIENTISTS. HE ALSO EXPLAINED THE STRUCTURE AND FUNCTION OF USDA.

2. PAPAJOV DELEGATION NEXT VISITED THE NATIONAL BUREAU OF STANDARDS, GAITHERSBURG, MARYLAND, FOR A BRIEF LECTURE ON THE BUREAU AND ITS WORK AND A FORMAL LUNCHEON.

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3. THE LAST FEBRUARY 10 MEETING WAS WITH DR. COURTLAND PERKINS, PRESIDENT, NATIONAL ACADEMY OF ENGINEERING. LAWRENCE MITCHELL, STAFF DIRECTOR, USSR AND EASTERN EUROPE, NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, WAS PRESENT. PERKINS OUTLINED THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN NAE AND NAS AND ASKED HOW NAE COULD HELP IMPLEMENT THE NSF-SCSTP AGREEMENT. PAPAJOV

REPLIED THAT BULGARIA IS MISSING AN IMPORTANT PART IN EXCHANGES WITH THE US -- APPLIED RESEARCH -- AND WOULD LIKE

TO EXCHANGE ENGINEERS IN ELECTRONICS AND CHEMICAL ENGINEERING. BULGARIA ALSO WANTS CONTACTS WITH INDIVIDUAL US RESEARCH CENTERS. THE PROBLEM IS INDUSTRIAL SECRETS. PAPAZOV PROMISED THAT THE BULGARIAN EMBASSY WOULD CONTACT NAE REGARDING EXCHANGES.

7. FOLLOWING THE MEETING WITH DR. PERKINS, NAS HOME SECRETARY DR. DAVID R. GODDARD HOSTED A RECEPTION IN THE NAS MEMBERS' LOUNGE. DR. PHILLIP HANDLER, NAS PRESIDENT, THEN PERSONALLY CONDUCTED A TOUR OF THE NAS FOR PAPAZOV AND THE OTHER BULGARIAN VISITORS. VANCE

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